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TO THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA:

I am hereby returning unsigned Bill Number 250331, introduced by Councilmember Nicholas O'Rourke, and passed by City Council on June 12, 2025. Bill Number 250331 would allow the creation of an Anti-Displacement Fund for residential tenants who cannot stay in their homes because the building they live in has been closed due to a cease operation order.

While protecting vulnerable tenants is a laudable goal, given the length and complexity of the Code enforcement process associated with this ordinance, we are concerned about the efficacy of using violations as sources of revenue. Both the revenues from violations and the costs of implementation are unpredictable, making it hard to know what the net costs will be.

For these reasons, I am returning Bill Number 250331 unsigned.

Respectfully,
Cherelle L. Parker
Mayor